(d) whether it is also a fact that during the period of their strike, some of the telephone services remained paralysed;

(e) the nature of demands of the striking telephone operators which have since been accepted by Government; and

(f) the measures taken to see that such strike does not take place in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) There are about 1,082 RTP T.Os. at present.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 15 days—

1. Revision of hourly wages
2. Regularisation of RTP Staff
3. Paid Lunch Break
4. Paid weekly off

(d) The services were only marginally affected.

(e) 1. The hourly wages have been upwardly raised from Rs. 2.75 per hr to Rs. 3.85 per hr.

2. They are entitled for paid weekly off.

3. They are entitled for paid 3 National Holidays.

4. In view of the enhanced rate, no separate payment will be made for Lunch Break.

(f) Their problems are constantly being reviewed and attended.

Autonomous telephone corporations

716. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish autonomous telephone corporations for the metropolitan cities; and

(b) if so, which are those metropolitan cities where the corporations will be established and by when these Corporations will come into being?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Government has decided to set up a Public Sector Corporation under the administrative control of the Telecommunications Board for the management of the telephone systems of Union Territory of Delhi and Bombay. This Corporation is expected to start functioning from the financial year 1986-87.

Karnal and Mangalore Refineries

717. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for setting up of refineries projects at Karnal and Mangalore have since been awarded;

(b) if so, the names of the firms to whom the contract have been given; and

(c) what are the terms and conditions of the contracts and the time by when both the refineries would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Over loading and under billing by Coal India Limited

718. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over years a large number of complaints have been made and cases of over